



National Service in Alaska



MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN ALASKA

More than 870 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Alaska. Serving at more than 250 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$4,870,000 to support Alaska communities through national service initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$1,280,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars.

AmeriCorps: This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 350 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Alaska. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Serve Alaska, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight illiteracy, improve health services, create businesses, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 3,800 Alaska residents have served more than 4.9 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$10,080,000.

Senior Corps: More than 510 seniors in Alaska contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 0 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 0 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 70 groups across Alaska.

Social Innovation Fund: The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Alaska, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing \$200,000 in expanding the impact of 1 nonprofit in Alaska.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS annually engages more than five million Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. To learn more visit NationalService.gov or Serve.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Alaska At a Glance

| AmeriCorps | Projects | Service Locations | Participants ¹ | Education Scholarships ² | Program Funding |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| AmeriCorps National | 3 | 27 | 152 | \$365,258 | \$307,007 ³ |
| AmeriCorps State Competitive | 3 | 35 | 39 | \$220,155 | \$510,400 |
| AmeriCorps State Formula | 4 | 31 | 124 | \$504,048 | \$806,746 |
| AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories | 1 | - | - | - | \$74,645 |
| AmeriCorps VISTA | 11 | 32 | 40 | \$223,140 | \$641,480 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | 22 | 125 | 355 | \$1,312,600 | \$2,340,278 |
| Senior Corps | Projects | Service Locations | Participants | Education Scholarships | Program Funding |
| Foster Grandparent Program | 1 | 39 | 235 | - | \$735,146 |
| RSVP | 1 | 70 | 280 | - | \$77,003 |
| Senior Companion Program | - | 17 | - | - | - |
| SENIOR CORPS TOTAL | 2 | 126 | 515 | - | \$812,149 |
| Social Innovation Fund | Projects | Service Locations | Participants | Education Scholarships | Program Funding |
| Nonprofit Subgrantees | 1 | - | - | - | \$209,907 |
| SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL | 1 | - | - | - | \$209,907 |
| Other Funding | Projects | Service Locations | Participants | Education Scholarships | Program Funding |
| State Commission Operations Support | 1 | - | - | - | \$202,332 |
| OTHER FUNDING TOTAL | 1 | - | - | - | \$202,332 |
| PROGRAM TOTALS | 26 | 251 ⁴ | 870 | \$1,312,600 | \$3,564,666 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards) | | | | | \$4,877,266 |
| TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources) | | | | | \$1,287,176 ⁵ |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT | | | | | \$6,164,443 |

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2013 - 2014 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Alaska. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise to support their programming activities across the state.



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AmeriCorps

The Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network (RAVEN) Youth Development AmeriCorps program serves rural Alaskan communities by promoting environmental education, implementing energy conservation, encouraging recycling and waste reduction, and fostering community involvement in area-wide clean-up efforts. RAVEN AmeriCorps Members improve environmental conditions across rural Alaska. The 20 RAVEN AmeriCorps sites received technical assistance and training to improve their community's solid waste management systems. Sites report weekly activity logs and monthly reports demonstrating they have collected and recycled tons of materials during the service year. The RAVEN AmeriCorps members diverted 206,237 pounds of solid waste from landfills in the first three quarters of their program. Backhauling efforts have taken aluminum, batteries (household and lead-acid), paper, electronic waste and white goods to recycling facilities in Anchorage, Soldotna, Fairbanks or Seattle. This culminates into more than 22 tons backhauled and 14 tons of trash collected in clean-ups. As a result of their initial training and on-going solid waste technical assistance, RAVEN AmeriCorps members have been making improvements to solid waste systems in their villages.

AmeriCorps NCCC

The Boys & Girls Club of South Central Alaska's mission is to meet the need for positive youth development opportunities in Alaska. Blue Two, the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team, served as role models and helped improve facilities for the members. The AmeriCorps NCCC team registered 1,688 kids for the club's summer programming and ran 45 physical activity, creative expression, and recreational activity programs. Additionally, the AmeriCorps NCCC team tutored 65 students in reading, supervised 2,103 middle school students and 5,979 elementary school students in an after-school program, and helped expand or improve 20 existing programs. The AmeriCorps NCCC team members also mentored 278 middle school students and 1,299 elementary students; taught life skills, safety awareness, and conflict resolution to adults; and conducted eight clean-up activities.

AmeriCorps VISTA

The Fairbanks Youth Advocates partnered with the Fairbanks North Star Borough and AmeriCorps VISTA to establish a permanent shelter for runaway and homeless youth in Fairbanks. As a second year VISTA member, Sarah Smith has been instrumental in raising over \$1 million to renovate a building for the shelter and enhance staffing for the organization. Sarah also helped with months of planning, policy creation, and volunteer program development. Since opening in a temporary location to provide emergency, overnight shelter in 2012, the Fairbanks Youth Advocates have served over 170 youth. The new, permanent location will open in February 2014.



| AMERICORPS TOTALS | PARTICIPANTS | PROGRAMS/PROJECTS |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014) | 355 | 22 |
| COMPLETED (within last 12 months) | 212 | 14 |

| Primary City | Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization | Number of Participants | Program Type |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Anchorage | Alaska (Completed) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest | 22 | AmeriCorps National |
| Anchorage | Alaska (Current) Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest | 27 | AmeriCorps National |
| Anchorage | Alaska Institute for Justice (Current) Alaska Immigration Justice Project | 1 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Anchorage Public Library Teen & Workforce Dev. Programs (Current) Municipality of Anchorage | 1 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Assets Building & Job Training (Current) Catholic Social Services | 2 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | BIRCH Fixed Award (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program | 15 | AmeriCorps State Competitive |
| Anchorage | Cook Inlet Housing Authority Vista project (Completed) Cook Inlet Housing Authority | - | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Development Assistant (Current) First Alaskans Institute | 1 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Family Support & Engagement (Completed) United Way Anchorage | - | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | HOPE worldwide Programs - Anchorage (Completed) HOPE worldwide | 7 | AmeriCorps National |
| Anchorage | Individual Assistance DR-4122 (August 26 - November 14, 2013) FEMA Region X | 8 | AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects |
| Anchorage | Individual Assistance Mixed DR-4122-AK (August 26 - November 14, 2013) FEMA Region X | - | AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects |
| Anchorage | Learn & Earn Alaska (Current) Nine Star Enterprises, Inc. | 29 | AmeriCorps State Formula |
| Anchorage | Learn and Earn Alaska (Completed) Nine Star Enterprises, Inc. | 39 | AmeriCorps State Competitive |
| Anchorage | Rural Alaska Community Action Program (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program | 8 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program | 20 | AmeriCorps State Competitive |
| Anchorage | SCA Alaska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc. | 125 | AmeriCorps National |
| Anchorage | SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Alaska (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc. | - | AmeriCorps National |
| Anchorage | Strengthening Families (Completed) thread, Connecting Early Care and Education to Alaska | 5 | AmeriCorps State Formula |
| Anchorage | Students in Service (Completed) Rural Alaska Community Action Program | 35 | AmeriCorps State Competitive |
| Anchorage | Summer Program Support (June 3 - July 12, 2013) Boys and Girls Clubs Alaska | 8 | AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects |
| Anchorage | Univ of Alaska - Center for Economic Development (Current) University of Alaska - Anchorage | 7 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Anchorage | Youth Meal Program (Completed) Children's Meal Mission, Inc. | - | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Cordova | Domestic Violence Prevention, Outreach, and Support (Current) Cordova Family Resource Center | 2 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Elmendorf AFB | Joining Community Forces AmeriCorps (Current) Alaska National Guard Family Program | 4 | AmeriCorps State Competitive |
| Fairbanks | Fairbanks North Star Borough VISTA Project (Current) Fairbanks North Star Borough | 6 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Fairbanks | Joel's Place AmeriCorps Seasons of Service (Completed) Wellspring Revival Ministries, INC. | 40 | AmeriCorps State Formula |



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| COMPLETED (within last 12 months) | 212 | 14 |

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|--------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Glennallen | Ahtna Education Planning Project (Current) Ahtna Heritage Foundation | - | AmeriCorps Indian Tribes |
| Juneau | Domestic Violence Prevention (Current) Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault | 6 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Juneau | SAGA (Completed) The Corps Network | 30 | AmeriCorps National |
| Juneau | SAGA Connections (Current) SouthEast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) | 21 | AmeriCorps State Formula |
| Juneau | Serve Alaska Youth Corps (Current) SouthEast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) | 60 | AmeriCorps State Formula |
| Palmer | Alaska Food Policy Council (Current) DNR, Division of Agriculture | 1 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Sitka | Sheldon Jackson Campus Revitalization (Current) Sitka Sound Science Center, Inc. | 5 | AmeriCorps VISTA |
| Sitka | Sitka AmeriCorps (Completed) Sitka School District/Community School | 18 | AmeriCorps State Formula |
| Sitka | Sitka AmeriCorps (Current) Sitka School District/Community School | 14 | AmeriCorps State Formula |

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.
The city column refers to the location of the sponsor organization. AmeriCorps members may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Senior Corps in Alaska



| SENIOR CORPS TOTALS | PARTICIPANTS | PROGRAMS |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| CURRENT (as of March 2, 2014) | 515 | 2 |
| COMPLETED (within last 12 months) | 229 | 3 |

| Primary City | Program Name Sponsor Organization | Number of Participants | Program Type |
|--------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Anchorage | Alaska Statewide FGP (Multi-City) (Completed) Alaska Community Services Inc. | 134 | Foster Grandparent Program |
| Anchorage | Alaska Statewide SCP (Multi-City) (Completed) Alaska Community Services Inc. | 63 | Senior Companion Program |
| Anchorage | Mentoring SPIRIT (RSVP) (Completed) Alaska Community Services Inc. | 32 | RSVP |
| Anchorage | Rural Alaska Community Action Program II (Current) Rural Alaska Community Action Program | 235 | Foster Grandparent Program |
| Anchorage | Southcentral Alaska RSVP (Current) Volunteers of America of Alaska | 280 | RSVP |

Note: The city column refers to the location of sponsor organization. Volunteers may be serving in other locations than the city listed.

Nonprofit Subgrantees in Alaska

| Program HQ Location | Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i> | Description |
|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Wasilla, AK | Mat-Su Health Services The John A. Hartford Foundation | |